

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 934 (Garcia)

Senate Bill 934 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State, beginning June 1, 2006, to obtain the consent and information necessary to register an individual with the Federal Selective Service System in accordance with the Military Selective Service Act including the individual's Social Security number, at the time the individual applied for a driver license. Under the bill, by applying for an operator's license or chauffeur's license, a male U.S. citizen or immigrant to the United States less than 26 years old would give his consent to the Secretary of State to be registered by the Federal Selective Service System if so required by Federal law. The license application form would have to state that the submission of the application served as the applicant's consent to be registered. The form also would have to include the statement, "If under the age of 18, I understand that I will be registered when I attain the age of 18 if so required by federal law." The Secretary of State would have to forward the information obtained in an application to the Selective Service System in a format consistent with Selective Service System requirements.

- SB 934 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills [no amendments].
- SB 934 passed with IE [RC 232: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5199 (LaJoy)

House Bill 5199 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to revise the description of the portion of I-275 that is named the "Phillip A. Hart Memorial Highway". Currently, the Act refers to the portion of I-275 from its intersection with I-75 in Monroe County to its intersection with "I-69" in Oakland County. The bill would refer to the intersection with "I-96" in Oakland County

- HB 5199 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills [no amendments].
- HB 5199 passed with IE [RC 233: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5643 (Caul)

House Bill 5643 would amend the Prisoner Reimbursement to the County Act to allow a county to seek reimbursement from certain prisoners within six years, rather than 12 months, after the prisoners' release from a county jail. Under the Act, within 12 months after the release from a county jail of a sentenced prisoner or a pretrial detainee whose prosecution resulted in a felony conviction, an attorney for that county may file a civil action to seek reimbursement from that person for his or her maintenance and support while he or she was confined in the jail, or for any other expense for which the county may be reimbursed under the Act. Under the bill, an attorney for a county could pursue such an action within six years after the prisoner's release.

- Committee S-1 was adopted.
- HB 5643 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.
- HB 5643 passed with IE [RC 234: 32 yes, 5 no].

THIRD READING OF BILLS

SB 43 (THOMAS)

Senate Bill 43 would amend the Income Tax Act to do the following: Allow a physician with a medical care practice in a health professional shortage area to claim a \$2,500 tax credit for up to three consecutive tax years. Reduce the amount of the credit for a physician with a part-time practice. Allow a physician to claim the credit for three years within an five-year period if he or she interrupted his or her practice for a continuing education program or a sabbatical. Require the Department of Community Health to certify whether a taxpayer was qualified to claim the credit. The bill also would help areas, such as Detroit, lure primary care providers back to the city. Apparently, the number of underinsured and uninsured residents in the city has forced most primary care providers, with the exception of the major hospitals, to leave the city, leaving hospital emergency rooms as the primary care providers in the city.

- Committee S-1 was adopted.
- SB 43 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.